the said departments, are placed in the said departments as hereinafter provided; and every State office, board, commission or other governmental agency created during this or any subsequent session of the General Assembly shall be placed in one of said departments. Each of the said departments shall be constituted and shall have and exercise the rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions hereinafter provided. Any officers, boards or commissions not referred to in this Article shall not be affected hereby.

4. Where an existing office, board, commission, department or other governmental agency is abolished or superseded by this Act, all books, papers, maps, charts, plans, records, documents and all supplies, equipment and other property in the possession of the same, or of any member or officer thereof, shall be delivered to or shall vest in the department to which the rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions of the agency so abolished or superseded are transferred, or to or in the successor to the agency so abolished or superseded; and where some only of the rights, powers, duties, obligations or functions of an existing office, board, commission, department or other governmental agency are transferred to another department, then the books, papers, maps, charts, plans, records, documents and all supplies, equipment and other property relating to the rights, powers, duties, obligations or functions so transferred shall be delivered to or shall vest in the department to which such transfer is made.

5. All persons in the classified service under the Merit System Law, namely, the Act of 1920, Chapter 41,¹ and any amendments thereto, who are employed by any officer, board, commission, department or other governmental agency abolished or superseded by this Act, or any member of any such board or other agency, whom it is desired to appoint and transfer to classified service positions in the department to which the powers and duties of such agency are transferred or under the successor of the agency so abolished or superseded, shall be eligible to such appointment and transfer without the necessity of complying with the provisions of the said Merit System Law, or the rules and regulations made thereunder, relative thereto; but after such appointment and transfer, then such positions shall continue in all respects classified service positions.

6. All petitions, hearings and other proceedings pending before any officer, board, commission, department or other governmental agency which is abolished or superseded by this Act, and all prosecutions, legal or other proceedings and investigations begun by or before any such agency so abolished or superseded, and not completed at the time of the taking effect of this Act, shall continue and remain in full force and effect notwith-standing the passage of this Act, and may be completed before or by the department which succeeds to the rights, powers, duties, obligations and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See art. 64A.